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Mr. HARRINGTON, in his main speech, stated that he wanted to make the "political statement" that, "What we are doing here today is building the 70's left." We must go to where the "mass left" is and that is the liberal wing of the Democratic Party. The new socialist organization must place socialists in every sector of the Democratic Party in efforts to influence that Party. HARRINGTON that "time is on our side" as such experts as PATRICK MOYNIHAN, current Ambassador to India and former professor at Harvard University has stated that "capitalism has only 50 years to go." The new socialist organization does not seek a large number of members although some recruitment will be done on the campuses from among former civil rights and anti-war activists. HARRINGTON used the phrase the socialists "must come out of the closet" and make themselves known as socialists and must work within the "liberal" wing of the Democratic Party.

DAVID LEWIS, in his speech, emphasized that the new socialist organization should not be interested in large numbers of adherents. He stated that what we seek is not a large cadre but the confidence of the people. This confidence can be realized through active support of such popular measures as tax reform and the Kennedy-Griffin National Health bill. LEWIS pointed out that the goal of the organization in its support of tax reform should be a **massive** redistribution of wealth and from the National Health Bill the goal should be nationalized medicine.

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10/12-13/73  
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On 10/16 and 17/73.

whose identity is well known to the Bureau, furnished the following information concerning the Founding Convention of the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee which was held at the Loeb Student Center, New York University, NYC, on 10/12/73, and at the McAlpin Hotel, 34th Street and Broadway, NYC, on 10/13/73.

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About 200 persons attended the 10/12/73 session and about 400 persons attended the 10/13/73 session. The main speakers were MICHAEL HARRINGTON, author of the book, "The Other America" and former chairman of the Socialist Party and DAVID LEWIS, a parliamentary leader of the Canadian New Democratic Party. Chairman was VICTOR REUTHER, former labor *NY* leader. The stated goal of the convention is the re-establishment of a socialist presence in American life. The address of the organization is 125 West 77th Street, NYC.

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